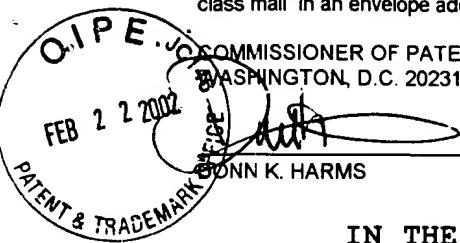


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AMENDMENT BEFORE EXAMINATION

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the above identified application be amended as follows:

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Please cancel original claims 1-12 add new claims 13-26 which more clearly define the patentable subject matter of the invention. No new matter has been added.

13. A process for synthesizing metal borohydride alkali solutions which comprises the steps of:

synthesizing a carrier powder for proton H;

bonding hydrogen to said carrier powder;

producing a metal borohydride powder from said carrier;